Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The first National Eye Donor Month was observed in March of 1983 as the result of a proclamation read by President Ronald Reagan; and,

Whereas, Every year thereafter, a member of Congress has continued the tradition and reads a proclamation into the Congressional Record each March; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Lions Eye & Tissue Bank, the only donation organization based in South Dakota, provided corneas to 311 recipients in South Dakota last year, restoring their sight and quality of life; and,

Whereas, There were 389 individuals in South Dakota that made the selfless gift to donate their corneas in 2016; and,

Whereas, In 2013, it was proposed and the South Dakota Legislature passed House Bill 1217 to promote donation; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota recognizes the importance of continuing to raise awareness of the need to donate, to recognize donors and their families, and to celebrate recipients:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as

EYE DONOR AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J Bray, Deputy Secretary

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State